

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-142

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL SDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: OUT-OF-STATE RELINQUISHMENTS

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion concerning the proper use of relinquishment forms for parents residing out-of-state who wish to relinquish their child to a California adoption agency. The following forms are used by California public and private adoption agencies:

AD 584(non-Indian)	AD 862(Indian)
AD 593(non-Indian)	AD 863(Indian)
AD 591(non-Indian)	AD 867(Indian)

and the following are used by SDSS Adoptions District Offices:

CAS 3(non-Indian)	CAS 840(Indian)
CAS 4(non-Indian)	CAS 862(Indian)
CAS 8(non-Indian)	CAS 868(Indian)
CAS 839(non-Indian)	

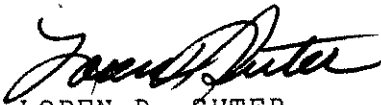
The above forms were developed to satisfy requirements of California Civil Code Section 224m which reads in relevant part "...In cases where a father or mother of a child resides outside the State of California and the child is being cared for and is placed for adoption by an organization licensed by the State Department of Social Services to place children for adoption, the father or mother may relinquish the child to the organization by a written statement signed by the father or mother before a notary on a form prescribed by the organization, and previously signed by an authorized official of the organization, which signifies the willingness of the organization to accept the relinquishment..." (emphasis added)

These relinquishment forms are to be used when the parent resides out of California and when either 1) the child resides in California or 2) the child also resides outside of California

but the child is a dependent of a California court and has been placed out-of-state. These forms are not to be used when the child resides outside of California and is not a dependent of a California court.

Adoption agencies which are licensed in another state and which want an affiliate organization licensed in California to assume responsibility for a child must follow that other state's adoption laws when taking the relinquishment. In these situations, the requirements of the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) must also be followed in order for the child to be placed in California.

Any questions regarding the ICPC should be addressed to your Interstate Placement Bureau consultant at (916) 323-2923 (ATSS 473-2923). All other questions should be addressed to the Adoptions Policy Bureau at (916) 322-4228 (ATSS 492-4228).



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